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**NPIC/PEG (9/83)**Copy 29**AIRCRAFT AND RO/RO SHIP COMPATIBILITY TEST PREPARATIONS**  
**SEVASTOPOL NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD KILENBAL, USSR**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A SOVIET SKULPTOR KONENKOV-CLASS ROLL-ON/ROLL-OFF (RO/RO) SHIP IS BEING MODIFIED FOR VSTOL AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTER COMPATIBILITY TESTING. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** [REDACTED] THE RECTANGULAR TAKEOFF/LANDING PAD, APPROXIMATELY 18 BY 24 METERS, HAS BEEN PAINTED WITH AIRCRAFT ALIGNMENT MARKINGS. THESE MARKINGS ARE NEARLY IDENTICAL IN SIZE AND CONFIGURATION TO FOUR FORGER VSTOL PADS AT SAKI AIRFIELD [REDACTED] AT SAKI AIRFIELD, A SHIP OUTLINE WAS PAINTED AROUND TWO OF THE FOUR VSTOL PADS [REDACTED] THE CONFIGURATION AND DIMENSIONS OF THE SHIP OUTLINE AND THE POSITION OF THE FORGER PAD WITHIN THE OUTLINE ARE NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THAT OBSERVED FORWARD OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE ON THE SKULPTOR KONENKOV-CLASS RO/RO SHIP. UNLIKE THE TWO SHIP OUTLINES AT SAKI AIRFIELD, THE SKULPTOR KONENKOV-CLASS RO/RO AT SEVASTOPOL ALSO HAS A HELICOPTER LANDING SPOT FORWARD OF THE RECTANGULAR LANDING PAD. (SWN)

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THE SOVIET UNION HAS OVER 50 RO/RO SHIPS OF DIFFERENT SIZES THAT COULD BE MODIFIED TO ACCEPT FORGER VSTOL AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS IF COMPATIBILITY TESTING PROVES SUCCESSFUL. (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 44-36-58N 033-33-15E

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